

APPENDIX 1

CLEAN VERSION OF PENDING CLAIMS

1. A method for promoting collagen production in a fibroblast of a subject comprising topically administering to said subject a collagen production promoter composition in an amount effective to promote collagen production in a fibroblast, wherein said composition comprises, as active components, (i) 0.0001 to 30.0% by weight, based upon the total weight of the composition, of an extract obtained by extracting a shoot of *Fagus crenata* with at least one solvent, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, methanol, propanol, butanol, 1,3-butylene glycol and any mixtures thereof, and (ii) a compound selected from the group consisting of L-ascorbic acid, L-ascorbate dipalmitate esters, L-ascorbate monopalmitate esters, sodium L-ascorbate-2-sulfate, L-ascorbate phosphate esters, L-ascorbate stearate esters, L-ascorbate-2-glycoside or dipotassium DL- α -tocopherol-L-ascorbate phosphate diester or mixtures thereof in an amount effective for synergistic promotion of collagen production.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extract from a shoot of a *Fagus crenata* is contained in a range of 0.0001 to 10.0% by weight based upon total weight of the composition.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound is L-ascorbate-2-glycoside.